

LAST EDITION.

HER TRICKS EXPOSED.

Mrs. Williams, the "Spook Priestess," Denounced in Paris.

SHE WAS TRAPPED BY A DUKE.

The "Materialized Spirit" Proved to Be a Doll Ingeniously Dressed.

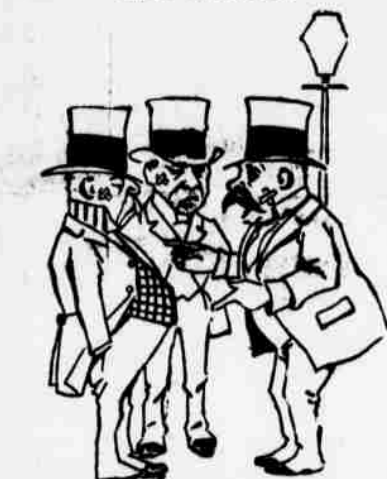
HER CAREER IN THIS CITY.

She Swindled a Rich Widow Out of a Mansion and Was Forced to Flee.

Despatches from Paris this morning tell of the exposure in that city of Mrs. Mary E. Williams, sometimes called "Madame Minnie," the well-known Spiritualist medium of this city, as an impostor.

Mrs. Williams had been staying in Paris since Oct. 21, and she had given several seances at the palace of the Duchesse de Pompadour, one of the leaders of the fashionable set in Paris, and a firm believer in spiritualism.

After the Fight.



Tammanyite: "I'll tell you how it all happened. It was this way. There were three of us, see?"

At the first of these the Duke of Pompadour suspected imposture. At the second seance his suspicions were practically confirmed.

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Finally a trap was laid. While Mrs. Williams was materializing spirits, a tall Swede pinioned Macdonald, young Leymarie seized the spirit, which proved to be a doll, and another person lighted the candles.

Mrs. Williams was discovered to be in man's attire. She tried to escape, but was caught and compelled to return the money she had taken from those present. Then she was threatened with arrest. So she quickly packed her trunks and left for England.

Mrs. Mary E. Williams was well known in this city, where she created a sensation in Spiritualist circles in the summer of 1891 by performances as a "materializing psychic," and the exposure which followed.

She succeeded at that time in wheeling the widow of a rich and handsome man, John Anderson, out of a handsome mansion at 22 West Forty-sixth street.

Mrs. Williams had obtained control over the widow, who was a victim of the Spiritualist delusion, and the medium had taken possession of the house with her friends a year or two before.

It was a regular spook palace, and Mrs. Williams's ghosts and materialized spirits had been playing high jinks there for a long time before the fact came out that Mrs. Anderson had transferred the house in Forty-sixth street to Mrs. Williams for the consideration of \$1.

There was a row among Mrs. Anderson's relatives and the spook priestess, who rivalled Ann O'Delia Dineen, the friend of Lawyer Luther R. Marsh, in her grating character, was compelled to leave the city.

Mrs. Anderson's house was worth \$20,000 and she had presented it to Mrs. Williams as a free gift to the cause of Spiritualism.

Although every effort was made to recover the property, Mrs. Williams still retains possession of it and lives in the time of her recent departure for Paris.

Spiritualist seances were given there regularly.

At the house to-day an "Evening World" reporter learned that Mrs. Williams is still in the city, and that she occupies a room in the house, and who says she is a "believer," was the reporter's informant. He had no idea when Mrs. Williams would return, and he has no idea how she has been fully and then said:

"I don't believe a word of it is true. I have been in attendance at many of Mrs. Williams's seances, and know that she employs no such tricks and devices as those spoken of."

The young man refused to give his name. He said no one else lived in the house except an old man, who occupies a room on the top floor, and Mrs. Williams's servant.

Mrs. Anderson has a son who is studying art at 111 West 11th street, and he is said to have been the one who instigated the raid on the medium's seances in that city which led to the exposure of her fake methods. It is not known.

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BAKERS IN SESSION.

They Decline to State the Result of Their Secret Conference.

The Meeting Declared to Be "Worse of a Social Nature."

And the Consumer Continues to Pay Five Cents Per Loaf.

The Bakers' Association held its regular meeting yesterday, and the first concentrated action towards reducing the price of bread was taken up. As far as the public is concerned, however, it was intended that the meeting should be entirely a secret.

It was agreed during the progress of the meeting that the newspapers were to be kept in ignorance of what transpired, and no information regarding the discussion as to the advisability of making a cut in prices was to be given. That the question was taken up and that there was a stormy discussion could not be concealed.

An "Evening World" reporter saw some of the members of the Association this morning, and nearly all of them denied that the question of price had been discussed. One of the members said:

"The meeting was more of a social gathering, and but little business was transacted."

What this "little business" was, however, he refused to say, but from another source it was learned that the "little business" was stormy in the extreme.

As was predicted by "The Evening World" yesterday, John Shults headed a number of Brooklyn bakers, and fought the proposed reduction of a majority of the New York bakers favored a reduction of one cent.

The Schults contended that the trade had fallen off to such a large extent that it was impossible for them to make any reduction.

One big wholesaler is responsible for the statement that Mr. Shults has already begun to figure what his losses in his racing interests will amount to by reason of the new Constitutional amendment, and he is said to be maintaining in the bread market.

The Tiger's Last Appeal.



Oh, say, young fellow, don't you think it about time that you let up on me?

The Schults stock farm at Parkville is one of the largest in this part of the country, and for several years after he had made millions out of the bread business, Mr. Shults devoted almost his entire attention to breeding and raising choice trotting stock.

It is a significant fact that since the summer of 1891, when the wheat market was at its lowest, Mr. Shults has been a successful breeder and has again turned his personal attention to his old love, the baking business.

In the turf world Mr. Shults gained a reputation for several years, and there was a time when he was one of the most successful breeders in the country.

There is not a man in the business who is better able to succeed in the public's judgment than he. He is by far the wealthiest baker in the country, and he is said to be worth \$1,000,000.

At the close of yesterday's meeting, which lasted for several hours, no definite decision was arrived at, and the question was laid over until the next meeting, which will be held within a few days.

Fredericks, of Rockwell's bakery, who, by the way, has interested himself in gaining the proposed reduction, was being talked of by nearly all the bakers, and that he had no doubt that at the next meeting of the Association something definite would be done in regard to the proposed reduction.

Paying an Election Bet.

James Rapier, Democrat, was obliged last night to ride Mr. Laidon Cohen in a wheelbarrow from the Hotel at Greene and Clinton streets to his home, at 111 West 11th street and Third avenue, and return, as the result of betting on Hill. A large crowd cheered the participants.

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Blaze in a Cellar Sent Tenants Down Fire-Escapes.

Women and Children Rescued by Fireman John Murray.

The Total Damage to Store and Building Was About \$450.

A fire that made lots of smoke and occasioned considerable excitement broke out at 8 o'clock this morning in the big double tenement-house, 215, 217 and 219 Wooster street.

The house is a five-story brick structure, the ground floors being occupied as a store and the upper stories by small families.

At 217 Giovanni Giovanni kept a hardware, paint and oil store. He occupied the rear as living apartments with his wife and three small children. Shortly before 8 this morning Mrs. Giovanni smelled smoke and went down into the cellar to investigate. She discovered no blaze, but saw smoke curling around the floor overhead. In the mean time her husband saw smoke issuing from the cellar, and in front of 215 an alarm bell was rung around to South Fifth avenue and Third street and turned in an alarm.

During her husband's absence Mrs. Giovanni aroused the tenants, many of whom were still asleep in their beds. Instantly the cry of fire rang through the hallways, there was an excited rush for the fire-escapes, and when the firemen arrived the landings were crowded with women and children.

The fire, it was finally discovered, was in a cellar compartment filled with a quantity of old bedding and other inflammable material. Clouds of smoke curled up through the cracks and doorways, filling the two upper floors, making it appear as if the fire was on the street.

Some of the tenants on the upper floors escaped through the back holes and fled over the roofs to the adjoining house.

Directly over 217 lived L. C. Bancel, a well-to-do Italian painter, with his wife and three-year-old daughter Leona. The family were still asleep when the alarm was given, and when the firemen arrived, Bancel was in the street, and the fire was in the cellar.

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One Democrat Out of the Three Disputed Districts Declared Elected.

Sinking Fund Commission in Republican Power.

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